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The "Association of the Intellectuals and Artists of LINZ" has recently been established in LINZ. Its official founder is Hans BAUSER, Communist director of a secondary school. According to BRONNEN, cultural editor of the Communist party paper "Neue Zeit" in URFÄHR, the association already has many followers among the LINZ artists, particularly from members of the state theater. The stage manager of this theater, BRANTNER, is a fellow traveller of the Communist Party of Austria and great future hopes were given him. A meeting convened by the association [redacted] proved, however, that the followers of the association are not as numerous as was believed. Of about 1,300 persons invited, only 120 appeared and most of them left the meeting before conclusion. Dr. MATEJKA, municipal councillor, and Hermann LANGBORN, both members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Austria, made the usual election speeches. BRONNEN, when later blamed by MATEJKA for the poor attendance at the meeting, was greatly disturbed as he fears he may lose the Central Committee's good graces, especially as he is opposed by some of its members.

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